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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) VIETNAM (VNM).  
SUBJ: (U) CONSUMER IIR EVALUATION/USD(POLICY) - DASD(POW/MIA AFFAIRS)  
REF: (U) IIR 6 024 0171 09/DRAWINGS OF AMERICAN POWS HELD IN A POW  
CAMP IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, VM IN EARLY 1970  
REQS: (U) 3862.1.2.2.1; DIAC158703509; DVOP158701707; DVOP158701307.  
SOURCE: (U) [REDACTED] (b)(1) 1.4(c)  
TEXT: (U)  
CONSRESP: 1. (U) (DPMO/RA-SEA) REFERENCED IIR FORWARDED A  
TRANSLATED VERSION OF AN ARTICLE TITLED "MY PORTRAITS OF AMERICAN

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PRISONERS," BY TRAN HOANG ((SON)). THIS ARTICLE WAS PROVIDED BY SOURCE, WHO DISCOVERED IT IN AN UNIDENTIFIED MAGAZINE PUBLISHED ON AN UNKNOWN DATE. WHILE SOURCE PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPHS OF HAND-DRAWN SKETCHES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAGAZINE ARTICLE, RESOLUTION WAS POOR AND ANNOTATIONS COULD NOT BE READ. ACCORDING TO THE MAGAZINE ARTICLE'S AUTHOR, HE ACCOMPANIED LIEUTENANT NGUYEN VAN ((BE)), A MILITARY REGION FIVE (MR-5) PROSELYTING CADRE, TO A POW CAMP AT THE TOP OF A HILL IN THE TRUONG SON RANGE (QUANG NAM PROVINCE). VISIT OCCURRED SOMETIME AFTER TET IN 1970. MR. SON STATED IN THE ARTICLE THAT LT BE SPOKE ENGLISH WELL AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH BOTH THE AMERICAN PRISONERS AND THE CAMP'S LEADERSHIP. IN THE ARTICLE, MR. SON IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BY NAME: ROBERT FEURE, CAPT KUSHNER, GUSTEN, JULIEU LONG, AND IKE M. MILAN. HE ALSO PROVIDED DESCRIPTIONS/DETAILS ON THREE OTHERS, BUT DID NOT INCLUDE THEIR NAMES. NEAR THE END OF THE ARTICLE, MR. SON STATED HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH LT BE ON AN UNSTATED DATE, AND LEARNED ALL THE POWS ENCOUNTERED AT THE CAMP HAD RETURNED SAFELY TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRANSLATION, RO COMMENTED THAT SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS NAMED NGUYEN VAN BE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED DURING PAST FIELD ACTIVITIES, AND HE FOCUSED IN ON ONE INTERVIEWED IN NOV 06 DURING JFA 87 AS THE MOST LIKELY PERSON IDENTIFIED IN THE IIR.

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GUID: 1. (U) (DPMO/RA-SEA) NAMED INDIVIDUALS IN CONSRESP PARAGRAPH ABOVE CORRELATE TO FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS RESPECTIVELY: ROBERT LEWIS (CASE 0966) REPATRIATED 730305; FLOYD KUSHNER (CASE 0932) REPATRIATED 730316; GUSTAV MEHRER (CASE 1350) REPATRIATED 730316; JULIUS LONG (CASE 1171) REPATRIATED 730316; AND ISAIAH MCMILLAN (CASE 1078) REPATRIATED 730316.

2. (U) FROM INFORMATION REPORTED IN THE ARTICLE, MR. SON PROBABLY VISITED THE POW CAMP AMERICAN CAPTIVES REFERRED TO AS "CAMP CHARLIE." THE AMERICANS ARRIVED AT THIS CAMP IN EARLY MAY 69. FOUR GERMAN NURSES (MALE AND FEMALE) WERE ESCORTED INTO THE CAMP SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY GARWOOD. TWO OF THE GERMANS DIED THERE IN JUL 69 AND THE TWO SURVIVING GERMANS DEPARTED FOR HANOI IN SEP 69. GARWOOD WAS NOT SEEN IN THE CAMP MUCH AFTER THE GERMANS' ARRIVAL, AND DID NOT ACCOMPANY THEM TO "CAMP DELTA" DURING THE FINAL WEEK OF DEC 69. MR. SON'S AWARENESS OF THE GERMAN PRISONERS, BUT LACK OF FIRSTHAND SIGHTING, AND HIS CONTACT WITH A POW WHO SPOKE VIETNAMESE SUGGESTS HIS VISIT OCCURRED SOMETIME BETWEEN SEP-DEC 1969 (RATHER THAN STATED POST-TET 1970).

3. (U) WHILE MR. SON PROVIDED INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY

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THE CAUCASIAN MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 16 OF REFERENCED IIR, TWO OF THE OTHERS CAN BE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED. THE FOLLOWING PERTAINS:

A. (U) HELICOPTER PILOT MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFERENCED IIR IS PROBABLY FRANK ANTON (CASE 0966). HE WAS TO ONLY PILOT HELD WITH THE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS DURING THE SPECIFIED TIME FRAME. HE WAS REPATRIATED ON 730316.

B. (U) THE HISPANIC POW DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 11 OF REFERENCED IIR IS PROBABLY NOT HISPANIC AT ALL. MR. SON APPEARS TO BE DESCRIBING CONVICTED AMERICAN COLLABORATOR ROBERT GARWOOD (CASE 0155). GARWOOD EITHER DEFECTED OR WAS CAPTURED NEAR DANANG ON 28 SEP 65, MORE THAN TWO YEARS PRIOR TO ANY OF THE OTHER POWS HELD IN THE CAMP VISITED BY MR. SON. DURING THE INTERVENING YEARS, GARWOOD STUDIED THE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE AND BECAME REASONABLY FLUENT (HE WAS FLUENT IN VIETNAMESE WHEN REPATRIATED TO THE U.S. ON 21 MAR 79). ACCORDING TO WITNESS STATEMENTS, GARWOOD ESCORTED THE GERMANS INTO CAMP CHARLIE.

4. (U) ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS OF THIS EVALUATION ARE UNCLASSIFIED [REDACTED]

(b)(1) 1.4(c)

[REDACTED] CAUSES THIS EVALUATION TO BE CLASSIFIED. APPRECIATE [REDACTED] EFFORT. DO NOT FORESEE NEED TO PURSUE MR. SON AT THIS TIME. MAY WANT TO CONSIDER USING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR SON IN AN EFFORT TO LEVERAGE DETAILS REGARDING STILL UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS FROM LT BE. **DPMO** SENDS.

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element of  
composite  
classification

VALUE: (U) C - OF VALUE

EVALNME: (U) DAVID ROSENAU, USD(POLICY) - DASD(**POW/MIA** AFFAIRS)

PRODUSE: (U) A - UPDATE DATABASE, PMSEA

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